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- Year-round, we support family and youth-oriented activities and strive to be a good community neighbor and corporate citizen.
- Provide modern, flexible public spaces for all types of activities and events.

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★ THIS IS THE YEAR ★



Every year, I am filled with anticipation and pride about the upcoming Great Indiana State Fair, and 2008 is no exception as our staff ramps up for the 152nd State Fair! Each year brings new, exciting exhibits and events for our visitors, and that is especially true **this year**.

This is the year to fill your souls with the historical cultural tradition of Indiana with our very own Indiana State Fair Covered Bridge. Once you cast your eyes on this beautiful structure; walk along the outside of it; and stroll through the arch of Indiana hardwoods, you will feel a part of history has been made with the creation of this permanent, iconic symbol of Indiana right here at the Fairgrounds.

This is the year to embrace the State Fair elements we love – livestock competitions, 4-H exhibits, antique tractors, unique food, thrilling carnival rides and warm summer nights listening to incredible music.

This is the year to celebrate our forests, hardwoods and trees of Indiana. The State Fair is thrilled to be the backdrop to educate all Hoosiers about the economic importance of this industry to Indiana, while entertaining all ages. From a Lumberjack Show to chainsaw artistry to a Dendrology Trail denoting Indiana trees, visitors will walk away with a great understanding of this precious agricultural product.

This is the year to revel in the perfect setting on the fairgrounds' north side, which now features the Normandy Barn, in its final resting place, and the new Mac Reynolds Barn. This area will eventually be the foundation to launch our State Fair Farm, while providing the framework for the State's Largest Classroom. Enjoy the past while you discover agriculture today.

This is the year to bring the family to celebrate summer. You can experience the State Fair on a budget, enjoying great Fair food, free music and discount midway wristbands. Truly, no other place provides so much family entertainment at such an affordable price.

So this is the year, to celebrate our GREAT INDIANA STATE FAIR, August 6 – 17. Bring your friends and family and enjoy! We're ready to roll out the best show yet!

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink.

Cynthia C. Hoyer
Executive Director
Indiana State Fair Commission

GREAT
INDIANA

STATE FAIR

AUGUST 6-17, 2008



‘T was the month before fair time, and all
through the grounds, not a draft horse was
stirring, or making horse sounds. The buildings lay
quiet, the grandstand sedate, as they waited for State
Fair two-thousand and eight.

The hogs weren't yet nestled all snug in their pens.
No rabbits, no cattle, no roosters or hens.
The Normandy Barn, in its brand new location
Clung to the north side in anticipation.

When out near the track there arose such a noise;
It sounded like ferris wheels, corndogs, and joys!
Laughter and sweet-smelling smells filled the air.
This was it! It was time for the Indiana State Fair!

August 6th was the day all the fun times began,
When visitors paid for their tickets, and ran
To their choice destination, that first favorite place,
Be it DNR fishing, or a lumberjack race.

Now, at the State Fair, there is always a theme,
An idea that will make the whole fair really gleam.
Look toward the gazebo; that's the gift shop.
But why is it decked out all like a tree top?

With money in pocket, in purse, or in shoe,
With watering mouths, the guests' hunger grew.
In the middle of main street, as if playing a game,
They stood there and shouted the goodies by name.

“Now cheese cubes, now gyro, now elephant ear,
Now sausage, now French fries, now funnel cakes dear!
From the corn on the cob, to the ice cream cones tall,
Now munch away, munch away, munch away all!”

All the buildings were open, the sunlight streamed
through, lighting booths and pavilions and animals too.
It reflected off entries of cakes, quilts, and art.
Those who brought sunblock are those who were smart.

Again, with the feature, what is it this year?
And what is this Tree Trail post doing right here?
It tells guests the name of the tree on a sign,
And it's from Indiana. Well, isn't that fine!

Those folks who had younger ones under arm
Headed to Little Hands on the Farm.
There, their hard farm work would earn them a prize,
And it's all nicely built to be just for their size.



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COMIN' BACK AROUND

The Free Stage was lit, the Main Street Stage too,
With acts and live talent for me and for you!
Live shows were aplenty, demonstrations galore,
Learn to do something better, or do something more!

And look there! the Midway, on a warm breezy night,
Came to life with arcade games and screams of delight.
Parents won stuffed bears for the children in tow,
From the rides, kids would wave to their parents below.

Coming out of the Midway, what's that thing made of wood?
It's this year's big project; it's really quite good.
It spans many years of our state's heritage,
Oh yes! It's the fairgrounds' own new covered bridge!

And then it is realized; now everyone sees
The feature for the State Fair is "Year of Trees!"
A party for Poplars, a great forest fest,
A thanks to our green friends, some of the best.

On August the seventeenth, all full of cheer,
We'll celebrate '08 as a great year.
But it's not over yet; fun times are abound!
Happy State Fair to all! It's Comin' Back Around!

YEAR OF TREE HIGHLIGHTS:

Indiana Hardwood Forest Day - Opening Day sponsor, Wednesday, August 6, is the Indiana Hardwood Lumbermen's Association. With full displays of beautiful hardwood furniture, find out what a treasure this industry is to our State.

Scheer's Lumberjack Show presented by Toyota Trucks - See axe throwing, log rolling, the amazing Speed pole climbing competition and more in the Farm Bureau Insurance Celebration Park.

Tree Top Gift Shop presented by Wal-Mart - Located outside the Midway, the Gazebo Gift Shop will be decked out in forest finery, featuring Indiana wooden souvenirs.

Signature Food from Indiana Trees! - Maple, nut and hickory-smoked fare will be available daily.

Celebrity Cross-Cut Sawing Contest - Pioneer Village, Farmer's Day, August 13

A Ripple in Still Waters



Early in the spring semester of 1992, I got involved in (actually, if I'm being honest, I started it) a heated argument with Mrs. Anderson, a delightful shark of an English professor, regarding the value of literary and art criticism.

"Why get bogged down by symbolism and playing junior psychologist while prospecting for the artists' voice and inner tumult? After all, 'The Sun Also Rises' is just Hemingway's story about a bunch of louts participating in perpetual bacchanalia and I'm positive 'Les Demoiselles d'Avignon' was simply something Picasso threw together at the last minute to meet a deadline. Why not take things at face value, enjoy them for a moment

and move on to the next big thing? Quit looking for a ripple in still waters!" I forcefully opined with enthusiastic support from classmates.

"Your position is backed simply by youthful exuberance and an immature lust for life," responded Mrs. Anderson as she pushed her wire-framed bifocals further up her nose, closer to her frenzied eyes. "Would you care to, if you are even capable of, supporting your opinions with substance?"

An unanswerable question! Creeping doom - I was caught with nowhere to hide. I had needlessly thrown chum into a previously placid classroom and awoken the Great White in Mrs. Anderson - the passionate beast in every good teacher that ruthlessly pursues any drop of a teachable moment.

It became a brutal semester. Mrs. Anderson thrashed and gnashed our surface views of the curriculum's selected works. By the mid-term mark, we were shredded to intellectual ribbons.

For those who didn't drop out, however, a rich dawning occurred. Mrs. Anderson didn't

leave us dismantled, resentful and bitter. She reconstructed the framework through which we saw the world. She gave us tools with which to probe the inter-connectedness of humanity and the symbolic ripples that radiate from its works.

So today, as I look upon the new Indiana State Fair Covered Bridge, I cannot help but employ the tools instilled by Mrs. Anderson and I not only see a magnificent combination of organic Hoosier materials and exquisite Hoosier craftsmanship but also:

- An homage to the hundreds of covered bridges that spanned the gaps of Indiana's historical landscape and the experiences they housed.

- An iconic representation of one of Indiana's leading industries.
- An acute symbol of the theoretical bedrock on which the concept of the Indiana State Fair was built. In 1852,

the first Fair was commissioned as a bridge to connect agrarians from across the state so they could share ideas, educate each other on production processes, and stimulate Hoosier industry through competition.

- A literal and metaphoric gateway to the fairgrounds' north side...A place where the past, present, and future are bridged as visitors explore Pioneer Village, the Normandy Barn, and 4-H Exhibit Halls
- A masterpiece as perfect and timeless as Indiana's ideals.

Aha! A ripple in still waters! Mrs. Anderson would be proud.

Justin Armstrong
Director
The Barn

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“Little Hands” is in Good Hands

The last bus of the season left the State's Largest Classroom at the end of May. It drove away from the fairgrounds carrying the last of our spring students, which totaled more than 2,000 for the season! All of those young scholars participated in either the *Farm to Pizza* or the *Farm Animals* program, both of which offer an up-close-and-personal visit with some live animals found on a real farm.

This year, the State's Largest Classroom hosted several different animals for the full five-week run of spring programming.

In order to keep the livestock at the fairgrounds for such a long stretch of time, the Classroom needed dedicated people to oversee and nurture the animals around the clock.

We found one of these people in Gordon Woods. Along with the help of Walter Geisking, Gordon had many different hats to wear: animal handler, guard, veterinarian, and laborer. He and Walter cared for the following animals: numerous chickens, three young turkeys, three hogs, three goats, two sheep, two cows, and a

large Belgian draft horse. Each animal was fed twice a day, while being continuously watered and getting their stalls constantly cleaned. One of the cows had to be milked two times every day!

Despite the chores and time commitment, Gordon realizes the work does have its rewards: “The experience is good for the kids,” he said. “You get kids in here sometimes that have never been this close to livestock. It's great because we explain what each animal is used for and how they contribute to our livelihood. It's hard work, but I love it.”

While some of the animals used for SLC belong to fairgrounds staff--Walter Geisking owns the chickens, turkeys, and hogs, and Mike Spray and his family provided the Boer goats—the others had to be acquired. Luckily, Gordon has friends—farming friends.

One of those friends is Danny

Messmer, a life-long farmer who loaned us two of his 14 milk cows from his farm in Martinsville. Other donors were Rep. Bill Ruppel (Shropshire sheep), and Lee Eller and his family (Belgian horse).

A huge “THANK YOU!” to all of the donors, volunteers, and staff members who helped make the State's Largest Classroom a success this season! We'll be back on the grounds for the next school year soon. The fall session begins September 22nd, with some new surprises in store! The Classroom will be expanding to include two new buildings on the north side of the grounds: the Normandy Barn, which will boast an extensive new exhibit dedicated to Indiana agriculture, and a greenhouse that will provide students with agricultural learning opportunities year-round. With everything is store, we will be anxiously awaiting that first bus that will bring a whole new group of students and teachers to the State's Largest Classroom!



Above: Gordon Woods pictured with Laci, the Belgian Horse.

Middle: Molly, the kid, enjoyed playing in her bucket.

Below: A group of youngsters admire the young turkeys.





Indiana's Newest Covered Bridge Comes to Life at the Indiana State Fairgrounds

Dan Collom didn't choose his profession. It chose him.

Collom is the co-owner of Square and Level Construction in Parke County in western Indiana where there are 31 covered bridges. He spent his childhood playing near and fishing off of many of those bridges, and many others no longer standing. At 17, he began restoring them, which led to his livelihood – a true labor of love.

"It would be hard to grow up in Parke County and not love covered bridges," he said. "They become part of your life."

They are a BIG part of Collom's life, especially the new Indiana State Fair covered bridge on the west side of the fairgrounds. Since

February, he and his employees have been donating their time and expertise sawing, stacking, sanding and shaping the 70 donated trees that have become Indiana's newest covered bridge.

The project is part of the State Fair's effort to promote Indiana hardwoods, the fair's featured commodity in 2008. The fair called on Collom to supervise the project following his successful rebuild of Parke County's Bridgeton Bridge in 2006. He knew it would be a challenging project, but didn't hesitate to jump on board.

Above, Left to Right: The covered bridge, in various stages of construction...from one of the first trees donated to the nearly finished bridge.

Below: Dan Collum poses for a snapshot at the bridge site on the fairgrounds.

"More than anything, it's very important for children to experience covered bridges like I did growing up. That's why I'm here."

-Dan Collum
Co-Owner, Square and Level Construction





“More than anything, it’s very important for children to experience covered bridges like I did growing up. That’s why I’m here,” he said.

Collom knows that many of the hundreds of thousands of visitors to the State Fair haven’t experienced covered bridges like he has, particularly children. This bridge will not only expose them to a long-standing Hoosier tradition, but also act as a permanent structure that keeps covered bridges close to Hoosier hearts.

Ray Moistner of the Indiana Hardwood Lumbermen’s Association agrees.

“The IHLA is very proud to be associated with the State Fair and the construction of the covered bridge,” he said. “What we’re talking about as much as anything else is a celebration of our heritage.

“These covered bridges dot the landscape of rural Indiana. They serve as a showcase of our proud Hoosier traditions, much like the Indy 500 and basketball.”

The IHLA is just one of the groups that helped make the construction of the bridge possible. Many companies and individuals made key contributions to get the project off the ground, including Wood-Mizer, which contrib-

uted the saws that turned the logs into usable lumber. Of course, the bridge could not have been constructed without a sizable grant awarded the fair by the Indiana Department of Transportation.

“It’s heart-warming to see such tremendous support for this,” said Cindy Hoyer, the fair’s executive director. “The people of Indiana are going to love getting to experience this bridge up close, and not just this year, but for many years to come.”

The bridge is 90 feet long by 21 feet wide. When the ribbon is cut to mark its official opening August 6, it will allow visitors to cross it through the inside or on the outside thanks to a specially constructed walk lane along the east side.

Fundraising is still going on for anyone interested in contributing to the construction effort.

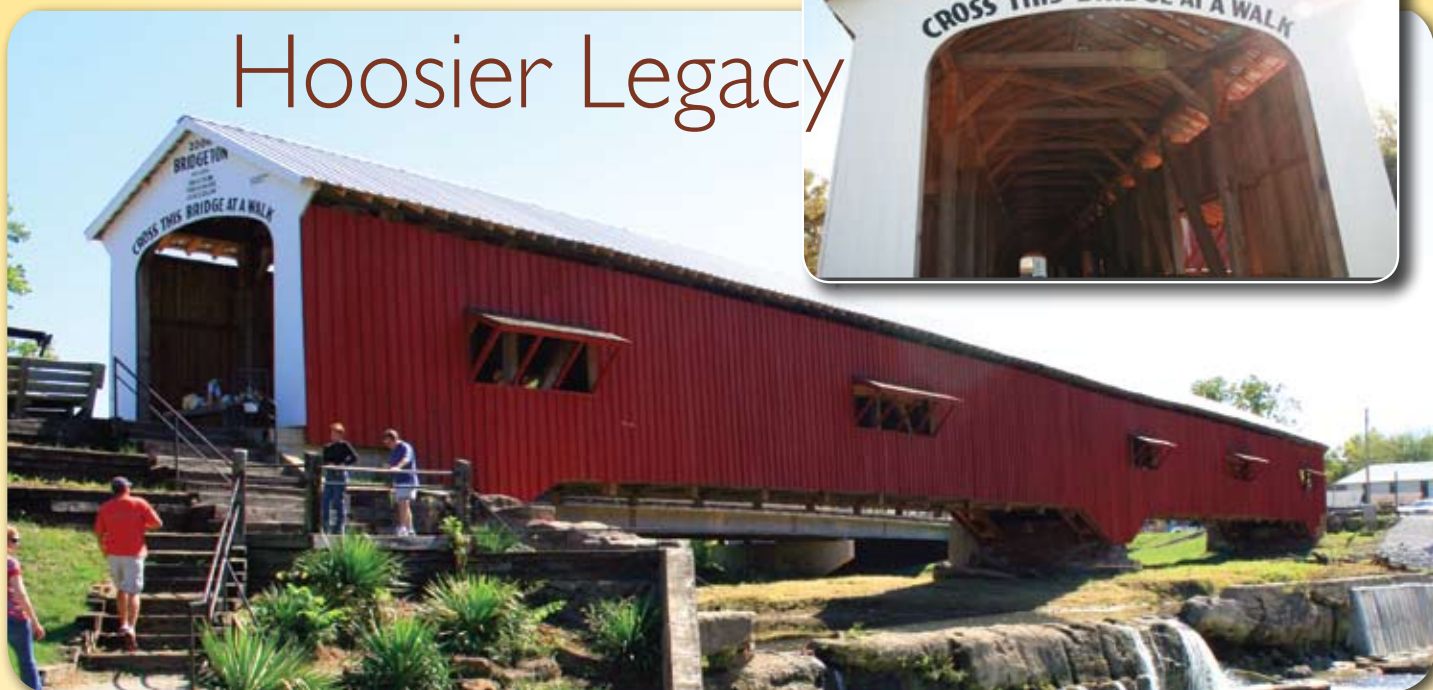


For more information on continuing fundraising efforts, please visit:
www.indianastatefair.com

Did You Know?

Indiana has more than 4.65 million acres of timberland, representing about 20% of the state’s acreage, totaling more than Connecticut and Rhode Island combined.

Continuing a Hoosier Legacy



The Bridgeton Bridge, rebuilt by Dan Collum, Travis R. McPike, and Lucas D. Collum, located in Bridgeton, Indiana.

While a covered bridge might be new to the Indiana State Fairgrounds, Hoosiers have been building them throughout the state for more than 150 years. At the height of their popularity, there were more than 600 covered bridges from Lake County to the Ohio River. Today, only 89 of these bridges remain, including 31 in Parke County, which plays host to the popular Covered Bridge Festival each October.

The original idea behind covering the bridges was to extend the life of the structures. Often made of poplar or pine wood, the coverings protected the oaken planks of the bridge from the elements, thus preventing rot and decay. In addition, the barn-like appearance of the bridges helped to put skittish horses at ease when crossing over water.

At one time, covered bridges were known as “kissing bridges,” where courting couples crossing the bridges

could steal a kiss away from prying eyes. They were part of a community’s identity in addition to being a necessary part of the transportation system.

In Marion County, there once stood 19 of these marvelous structures. Covered bridges could be found in nearly every corner of the county, crisscrossing White River, Fall Creek, Eagle Creek and others. Some of these bridges were lost to storms or floods; others were dismantled as they fell into disuse; others simply disappeared, their stories lost to time. Until now, only the 1880 Trader’s Point Bridge remained in Marion County.

Today’s bridges are still subject to the same dangers that claimed the hundreds that have gone away. On June 4, 2008, heavy storms destroyed the 1886 Moscow Covered Bridge in Rush County leaving residents there despondent over the loss of their most

memorable symbol. The town hopes to rebuild, but costs have been estimated at \$3 million.

The Indiana State Fairgrounds is pleased to keep this important part of Hoosier history alive with its new covered bridge. Modeled after the rebuilt Bridgeton Bridge in Parke County, the State Fair covered bridge is constructed largely of native Indiana tulip tree wood. Its presence on the fairgrounds will serve as a testament to Indiana’s history, and the importance of hardwoods yesterday and today.

W For more information about Indiana’s covered bridges, please visit:
www.indianacrossings.org
www.countyhistory.com

New Programs are a “Must-See & Do” at the Indiana State Fair



The Wonder Trail

The Wonder Trail at the Indiana State Fair is back and better than ever! The self-guided trail will lead families to 16 amazing destinations around the Fairgrounds! Four brand new stops along the trail will feature information and activities relating to the State Fair feature product: Indiana Trees! Kids can pick up their FREE trailkits at the State Fair information booth, the Riley Fun Park Clubhouse, or the Grand Hall on Main Street!

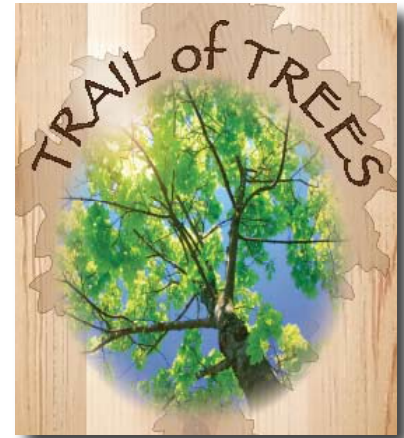
Trail kits include a souvenir lanyard, badge holder, magnifying glass, and trail map. Once kids are equipped with their trail kits - the adventure begins! Log on to www.thebarn.in.gov for additional games and activities. The Wonder Trail is sponsored by WFYI.



The Normandy Barn and Greenhouse

*Explore the Pastures, Experience the Future:
An Exhibition of Contemporary Agriculture*

Visitors will have the chance to interact with staff from the Indiana State Department of Agriculture and Purdue University's Department of Forestry and Natural Resources amidst images and inter-actives housed in the main level of the newly relocated Normandy Barn and Greenhouse. Displays will focus on the environment, food/fiber, technology and careers available in agriculture today.



Trail of Trees

Do you flip for a Tulip? Do you say “yahoo!” for a Wahoo? After exploring the Indiana State Fair's Trail of Trees, you just might! Celebrate the State Fair's “Year of Trees” by taking this self-guided tour around the fairgrounds, where you'll discover 25 different trees native to our state. The trail was made possible in part by “Learning Under the Sun”, a science-based volunteer group made up of 200 Indianapolis youth. They worked hard on the fairgrounds for two days, installing and painting trail posts, identifying trees, and mulching. Special thanks to them as well as Purdue's Department of Forestry and Natural Resources.

So get ready to go nuts for a Black Walnut or screech for a Beech on the Trail of Trees at the Indiana State Fair! Pick up your tree map and begin the Trail of Trees at the Pathway to Water Quality exhibit!

Correction



In the spring '08 issue, on page 8, we spelled Mr. Fred Handell's last name incorrectly. We apologize for the misspelling. Mrs. Glenda (Handell) Malcom, Mr. Fred Handell's granddaughter and daughter of Mr. Glenn Handell, called and kindly informed us of our error. The photograph left, circa 1934-35 pictures from left to right: Fred C. Handell, Roy A. Handell, Glenn W. Handell, Carl C. Handell. The Handells were instrumental in the original building of The Normandy Barn in 1936.



For more information on these programs and more, please visit:
www.indianastatefair.com

Oktoberfest Moves to the Fairgrounds

After 33 years in German Park on Indianapolis' south side, Oktoberfest is headed to the Indiana State Fairgrounds. The event will be held at the fairgrounds' Agriculture/Horticulture building and the adjacent parking lot from 4 p.m. to midnight Aug. 29 – 31 and Sept. 5 – 6.

Produced by the German-American Klub of Indianapolis, Oktoberfest features authentic, traditional German cuisine like frikadellen (German hamburgers), bratwurst, knachwurst, sauerkraut and German-style potato salad. In addition, a wide variety of German and domestic beers will be available in the popular German Bier and Wein Garten. Visitors can also enjoy live music, dancing, carnival rides and games like Bingo and Monte Carlo.

"The main reason for the move is the fairgrounds' central location, which should allow us to grow the event by attracting more people from the city's north side,"

"Not only is the fairgrounds accessible to

more people, but the Ag/Hort building gives us protection from poor weather conditions, which we haven't had in the past," said Martin Dannemiller, Oktoberfest chairman.

Another benefit is the option for visitors to take the Oktoberfest Train from the Fishers Train Station to the State Fairgrounds. Indiana Transportation Museum officials will operate the train all five days of the event. Round-trip tickets are \$14 for adults; \$9 for children 3 – 12; and free for children 2 and younger.

The tradition of Oktoberfest dates back to the early 1800s when Crown Prince Ludwig married Princess Theresa Charlotte Louise of Saxe-Hildburghausen and the city of Munich celebrated for days in grand

style. Indianapolis' Oktoberfest is the largest such celebration in the state attracting 15,000 people annually.

Tickets for Oktoberfest are \$6 at the gate; \$5 in advance; children 10 and younger are free. Advance tickets are available at the State Fairgrounds ticket office and the German-American Klub at 8602 South Meridian Street. For more information, contact the German-American Klub at (317) 888-6940 or visit: www.indyoktoberfest.com.



Did You Know?

You can take the train from the Fishers Train Station to the Indiana State Fairgrounds during Oktoberfest!



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-Martin Dannemiller,
Oktoberfest Chairman

CHEERS FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Gimme a V! Gime an O! Gimme an L!
Gimme a U! Gimme an N! Gimme a
...okay, you can probably see where I'm
going with this.

Greetings, all! My name is Claire Wilcher, the new Volunteer Coordinator for the State Fairgrounds' Education Department. This summer at the Indiana State Fair, I look forward to meeting some "old pros" who have volunteered at previous fairs, and I also hope to meet some first-timers who would like to make volunteering at the fair part of their annual summer traditions!

Do you love kids? Do you enjoy working outside? Are you looking for volunteer opportunities this summer? Well, look no further! The Indiana State Fair needs your help!

We want you to join our team of volunteers for the duration of the fair, which takes place from August 6th-17th.

We're looking for dedicated, positive vol-

unteers with a sense of adventure! Do you fit the bill? Give me a call at 317-927-7529, or email me at cwilcher@indianastatefair.com for more information. You can also log on to www.thebarn.in.gov and click "Get Involved."

So gimme an F! Gimme an A! Gimme an I! Gimme an R! I look forward to meeting you at the Fair!



Right: How could you resist helping out this little guy?! Volunteer and help children experience the "wonder" of the Fair!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:



Claire Wilcher, Education Specialist and Volunteer Coordinator, teaches students at the State's Largest Classroom. She's awaiting your call to volunteer!



Little Hands on the Farm

Guide children ages 2-10 through our mock farm. Help them be Farmers-for-a-Day as they collect eggs, pick apples, drive a tractor, and learn about life down on the farm!

The Wonder Trail

Facilitate and interpret different agricultural "stops" or stations, that are found all around the fairgrounds. On The Wonder Trail, children and their families go on the ultimate Indiana State Fair adventure!



The Difference Shows



The Indiana State Fairgrounds plays host to more than 300 unique events each year. If you're looking for something different, you've found your place.

July

15-16 Harness Racing

Grandstand
Post Time each day 11 am
Admission: Free
Linda Dever (765) 395-3316

18-20 Gem Street USA

Pioneer Our Land Pavilion
Hours: Fri. & Sat/ 10 am-6 pm
Sun. 11 am-5 pm
Admission: \$7; Sr. Citizens and ages
12-17 \$5; under 12 Free
www.gemstreetusa.com

18 Shawty Lo, Yung Joc, Day 26, Shawna, and Friends concert

Hoosier Lottery Grandstand
Hours: Doors open at 7 pm
Admission: \$25, \$35, \$45 in advance;
\$30, \$40, \$50 day of show

15-20 Universoul Circus

South Lot
Tues 7:30 pm; Wed.-Fri. 10:30 am &
7:30 pm; Sat. 12 noon, 4:30 pm & 8 pm;
Sun. 1 pm, 3:30 pm & 6:30 pm
Admission: Tues.- Fri. 7:30 pm Adults
\$15.50 to \$24.50, Children (1-10)
\$13.50 to \$22.50; Wed.-Fri. 10:30
am All Seats \$12; Sat. all events Adults
\$17.50 to \$26, Children (1-10) \$15.50
to \$24; Sun. 1 pm All Seats \$16.50, 3:30
pm Adults \$17.50 to \$26, Children
(1-10) \$15.50 to \$24
Val Copeland (404) 588-1235
www.universoulcircus.com



16-20 Circle City Equestrian 500

Pepsi Coliseum, West, Toyota Blue
Ribbon & Champions Pavilions &
Outdoor Arena
Hours: 8 am daily
Admission: Free except Sat. Night Grand
Prix: \$10
Information (317) 704-0047
www.circlecityequestrian500.org



August

6-17 INDIANA STATE FAIR

22-23 Hoosier Classic Yearling Horse

Auction
Champions Pavilion
Hours: Fri. 2 pm; Sat. 10 am
Admission: Free
Steve Cross (574) 825-4610

22-24 Indy 1500 Gun & Knife Show

Toyota Expo Hall
Hours: Fri. 2-8 pm; Sat. 8 am-6 pm; Sun.
9 am-4 pm
Dan Masters (405) 340-1333
www.indy1500.com

29-31 Oktoberfest

Ag/Hort Building & Midway Lot
Fri.-Sun. 4pm-12 Midnight
Admission: Advance \$5; At Door \$6;
Children 10 & under Free
German American Club (317) 888-6940
www.indyoktoberfest.com

September

2-6 All American Horse Classic

Pepsi Coliseum, West, South & Champi-
ons Pavilions & Outdoor Arena
Steve Kildow (765) 724-3578
www.allamericanhorseclassic.com

5-6 Oktoberfest

Ag/Hort Building & Midway Lot
Fri.-Sun. 4 pm-12 midnight
Admission: Advance \$5; At Door \$6,
Children 10 & under Free
German American Club (317) 888-6940
www.indyoktoberfest.com



6-7 Indiana Rabbit Breeders Show

Northwest Pavilion
Sat. Judging 9 am-4:30 pm; Sun. Judging
8 am-4 pm
Admission: Free
Judy Todd (765) 482-3921

10-11 Indiana LTAP Transportation Expo

Ag/Hort Bldg. & Midway Lot
Wednesday & Thursday 8am-5pm
Erica Wilson (765) 494-7221

9-12 World Draft Horse Show

Pepsi Coliseum, West, South & Champions Pavilions, Grand Hall & Outdoor Arena

Admission: Evening events \$5 per day
Vicki Knott (219) 563-3205



12-14 Hoosier Antique Show

Toyota Expo Hall

Admission: \$7; Children 12 & under Free
Shawn Hastings (618) 635-2895
www.HoosierAntiqueShows.com

13 Lucas Oil Indy Mile AMA Flat Truck Grand National

Grandstand & Track

Hours: 4 – 10 pm:

Admission:

Advance

Reserved Grandstand \$35 & \$30

Children 12 & under \$10

Infield \$20

Children 12 & under \$10

Day of Event

Reserved Grandstand \$38 & \$33,

Children 12 & under \$13

Infield \$23

Children 12 & under \$13

Paddock Passes Available at Gates:
additional \$15

Information: (317) 236-6515

www.familyevents.com

14 Midwest Reptile Show

Clarian Healthy Lifestyles Pavilion

Hours: 10 am – 4 pm

Admission: \$5, 8 & under Free

Brian Hahn (317) 861-5550

www.midwestreptile.com

19-21 27th Annual O'Reilly Auto Parts Fall 4-Wheel Jamboree Nationals presented by TOYO TIRES

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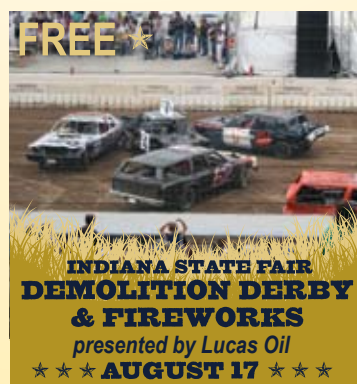
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